

Albany 16th Septemb. 82

Hon. Sir

You are no doubt sensible that the death of the late worthy Colonel Scammell, on the 6th of Octob. last occasion'd several vacancies in the Hampshire Line

Col. Dearborn informs me, that last spring he made out a list of promotions and laid it before the General Court, or at least before a Committee of the same, upon which his brevet was issued, with Lieut. Walling and Pagers; but by some means or other two of the vacancies still remain unfill'd which is very injurious to the Candidates whose right it is to fill them

The present Establishment directs that there shall be two Majors in a Regiment when it is commanded by a Lieut. Col. Command. Therefore as there is but one Major in the first Hamp. Regt., Capt. Caleb Robinson, of the 2^d Regt. is undoubtedly intitled to that vacancy as he is without dispute, the oldest Captain in the Line of the State, & ought to take rank

Rank as such from the time Col. Dearborn
was promoted to M^{or} Commandant; Lieutenant
Joseph Potter being the Oldest Lieut. in the
Line; is, also Intitled to the brevet of Captain
in the 2^d. Regiment, vice, Captain Robinson
promoted ^{to M^{or}} 6th October 1781

It cannot be denied, but the
detention of those Gentlemen's brevets, is to
them very Injurious; Indeed they Claim &
demand it as their right

Col. Dearborn Joins with me
in requesting that the brevets above mentioned
may be made out, and Transmitted to the
Commanding Officer of the Line, as soon
as possible

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest
Esteem

Yours most Obed^t
Serv^t

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